

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

January 6, 2015, DNR, Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 6, 2015, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Jake Albrecht, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Jake Albrecht, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Bill Fenimore, Vice-Chair | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Greg Sheehan, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. R657-59 Private Fish Pond Rule Amendments
- Drew Cushing, Warmwater Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. 2015 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments
- Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. Wolf Management Plan Extension
- Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. R657-55 Convention Permit Rule Amendments
- Kenny Johnson, Administrative Section Chief | ACTION |
| 9. Other Business
– Jake Albrecht, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

3) R657-59 Private Fish Pond Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-59 Private Fish Pond Rule Amendments as presented.

4) 2015 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the 2015 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented with exception of the change to the Book Cliffs to a limited entry and set the summer season date to allow baiting May 23, but not be able to hunt until June 6.

5) Wolf Management Plan Extension (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Wolf Management Plan Extension as presented by the Division.

6) R657-55 Convention Permit Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by, seconded by and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-55 Convention Permit Rule Amendments as presented.

7) Other Business (**Contingent**)

The following motion was made by, seconded by and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the stipulation orders for Bruce Spencer and Cory Spencer as presented by the Division.

Approved

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http://wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/board_minutes/audio/14-1-9.mp3

Wildlife Board Members Present

Jake Albrecht – Chair
Greg Sheehan – Exec Sec
Bill Fenimore
Mike King
Calvin Crandall
Kirk Woodward
John Bair
Steve Dalton

RAC Chairs Present

Northeastern - Wayne McAllister
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Kevin Albrecht
Central – Gary Nielsen
Northern – Robert Byrnes

Public Present

Miles Moretti, MDF
John Larsen, Hunt Expo
Lee Tracy, UWC Guy Webster
Sage Paterson Brett Selman

Division Personnel Present

Mike Fowlks
Rory Reynolds
Mike Canning
Staci Coons
Thu Vo-Wood
Kevin Bunnell
Justin Dolling
Boyde Blackwell
Chris Wood
Rick Olson
Bill Bates
Robyn Pearson

Kenny Johnson
Drew Cushing
Leslie McFarlane
Judi Tutorow
Lindy Varney
Justin Shannon
Darren DeBloois
John Fairchild
Greg Hansen
Kenny Johnson
Martin Bushman
Anita Candelaria

Public Present

Ben Lowder, UT Bowmans Assoc.
Sterling Brown, UT Farm Bureau
Aaron Johnson, UT Houndsman Assoc.
Byron Bateman, SFW
Bob Brister, Wildlife Guardian
Laurie Letz, Animal Rights
Tonia Fuller, UT Wool Growers

Karen Caldwell
Guy Wallace
Robert Schelly
Randy Wood
Robin Cahoon
Teresa Griffin
Justin Robinson
Covy Jones
J Shirley
Mike Christensen
Paul Gedge
Scott White

Allison Jones
Danielle Paterson
Troy Justensen
John Shivik
Daniel Davis
Pam Petty
Dan Cockayne

Chairman Brady welcomed the audience and introduced the Wildlife board and RAC Chairs.

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:02:34 – 00:02:56 of 03:45:35**

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) **00:02:59 – 00:04:32 of 03:45:35**

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

- 3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) None.
- 4) DWR Update (**Informational**) **00:04:35 – 00:20:51 of 03:45:35**

Greg Sheehan summarized big game projects, fish projects, wolf updates, prairie dog court appeal update, and smartphone hunting app.

- 5) R657-59 Private Fish Pond Rule Amendments (**Action**) **00:22:00 – 00:25:54 of 03:45:35**

Drew Cushing presented rule amendments for Private Fish Pond R657-59.

RAC Recommendation 00:25:11 – 00:25:22

All RACs unanimously passed the amendments.

Board Discussion 00:25:32 – 00:25:54

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-59 Private Fish Pond Rule Amendments as presented.

- 6) 2015 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments (**Action**) **00:26:07 – 01:26:00 of 03:45:35**

Leslie McFarlane presented the 2015 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments.

Board Questions 00:59:01 – 01:01:12

John Bair asked if the northeast region is comfortable with the permit increase.

Public Questions 01:01:21 – 01:10:34

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendation 01:10:35 – 01:15:43

Northern, Central, Northeastern, and Southern RACs passed the recommendations and amendments with varying dissent and exceptions. Southeastern RAC voted to maintain the status quo, but unanimously agreed to accept the crop damage and bear orientation proposals in the new plan.

Public Comments 01:15:45 – 01:45:30

Public comments were accepted at this time. Greg Sheehan addressed some of the comments that were made.

Board Discussion 01:45:35 – 02:27:45

Chairman Albrecht reviewed the issues and summarized the RAC motions. The Board further discussed the proposal, trying to better understand the impacts. Chairman Albrecht expressed some of his thoughts and concerns.

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the 2015 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented with exception of the change to the Book Cliffs to a limited entry and set the summer season date to allow baiting May 23, but not be able to hunt until June 6.

7) **Wolf Management Plan Extension (Action) 02:36:36 – 02:49:40 of 03:45:35**

Leslie McFarlane presented the Wolf Management Plan Extension.

Board Questions 02:39:04 – 02:44:02

The Board questioned the relevancy of the plan should delisting occur and wondered what role or obligation does Wildlife Services have to the plan or legislative laws in place.

Public Questions 02:44:26 – 02:46:08

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendation 02:46:11 – 02:47:19

All RACs passed the wolf management plan extension.

Public Comments 02:47:22 – 02:48:35

There was only one handwritten comment that requested the Wildlife Board encourage the reintroduction of wolves and not hunt them. It is on file.

Board Discussion 02:48:37 – 02:49:40

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Wolf Management Plan Extension as presented by the Division.

- 8) R657-55 Convention Permit Rule Amendments (**Action**) **02:50:00 – 03:45:35 of 03:45:35**

Kenny Johnson presented R657-55 Convention Permit Rule Amendments.

RAC Recommendation 02:56:01 – 02:59:52

Northeast and Southern RAC unanimously passed the convention permit rule amendments. Northern, Central, and Southeast RACs passed with varying opposition. Southeast stipulated that a public audit be available and transparent to all who request it.

Public Comments 02:59:56 – 03:36:40

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 03:36:41 – 03:45:35

The Board agreed the convention permit has made a positive impact on the expo and enhanced wildlife conservation. Mike King encouraged those involved to find ways to educate the public on the difference between convention and conservation permits.

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously. John Bair abstained.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-55 Convention Permit Rule Amendments as presented.

Meeting adjourned.